

# DE KURIOSITI KABINET.

VOL. I.

NEW YORK, DECEMBER. 1870.

NO. 4.

## AMERIKAN & YUROP'IAN SKU'LZ.

Hwot çud bî inklûded in a kolekçun ov stamps, iz æ subjekt ov muc diskuçun, partikyûlarli æ difurent veriçunz ov kulur, pèpur, engréviñ and purforçun. Wun klás árgûz aat a stamp iz a stamp, and its apírans iz ov nó konsikwens, hweaur tórñ, badli difést or uaurwaiz, and aat ai ónli difurens konsists in æ denominéçun.

But æ Frenc, húz tést for dres ofñ kariz æm tu ekstrímz, wud nevr bî sûtéd wiç aís stail ov kolektiñ, and about ét yírz agó, a selibréted lédi in Paris, bai kípiñ nun but æ coisest spesimenz, and enkurajiñ æ studi ov varaiitiz, bisaidz suplaiñ æ best kolekçunz in Frans, woz ébl in about tú yírz tu retair on a forcûn. In Ingland olsó æ best and móst valyûabl kolekçunz ár aóz hwèr varaiitiz hav bin sikûrd and ai envelops kept entair.

But in aís kuntri haz arizn hwot iz kóld æ Amerikan skûl, hwic diskárdz ól varalitiz, eksept ov engréviñ, and méks nó distinkçun bitwín a pûr and gud spesimen, ríprint or orijinal, and æ number ov pûr kolekçunz, fild with unyûzd sets, hwic ár kontinyûali getiñ çípur, or wiç durti lukiñ stamps in çakli albumz, fit ónli tu hav a fû ov æ stamps sévd out, and hwic æ kolektur iz sún glad tu sel for a soñ iz a sûtabl monyûment ov aís stail.

In ártiklz ov déli yús, sue az a plou, a wagon, or a brúm, eni displé ov tést asaíd from yûtiliti and konvínyuns, sue az a silvur çér, mahogani spóks, or an aivuri tipt handl, wud bî absurd and ridikûlus, but in wurks ov árt, æ setiñ çud olwez bî aprópriét tu æ tréjur. A daíamond in its naçural stét iz ov nó búti, it must bî kut in a regûlar form, and set in góld bai a skilful ártist, bífór its brilyuns iz aparent.

In mékiñ a laibrari ov buks, its valyû

wil dipend grétli upon haviñ naisli bound kopiz, and ilustréted ediçunz on fain pèpur; ov ótografs, æ móst purfekt kopiz çud bî silektéd; ov koinz, rístruk písez çud bî avoided, az ær valyû kontinyûali dikríses; ov orijinal impreçunz aóz hwic hav bin æ líst wórñ ár æ móst laikli tu advans, and nó matur hwot iz purceest, faur for kûriositi or yûtiliti, æ best ívn at grétur kost iz jenurali æ çípest.

Æ márijn ov a póstej stamp iz ov az muc importans az aat ov eni uaur engréviñ, and wí konsidur eni radikal çénj in æ pèpur, sue as purforçun, wotur márk or kwoliti, az nótwurci as an oltréçun ov ai engréviñ.

Æ difíkulti in kolektiñ iz tu fíks æ lain at hwic tu stop, kolekturs mé foló ær ón fansi in aís direkçun, nor çua aóz húz tést lídz æm tu æ studi ov varaiitiz bî kondemd bai aóz hú rijekt æm. Ívn æ striktest klas ov hwot iz kóld ai Amerikan skûl dú not eksklúd márk çénjez ov kulur, ívn hwen æ egzist ónli in æ pèpur, and sum, hú ridikûl æ kolekçun ov varaiitiz, çó ær inkonsistensi bai diskraibiñ æ purforéted and unpurforéted Frenc, æ blû and hwait pèpur Bárbadóç, and sue unurtin distinkçunz as æ tinted Tusكاني, hwail at æ sém taim æ faind fildz for multiplikéçun in æ vérius daiz ov æ St. Láis, æ 10 sent envelop ov æ Yûnaitéd Stéts, or æ lárj and smól leturz in ai anglz ov æ Grét Britun stamps.

Hwail wí wud ték saidz wiç kolektur ov varaiitiz tu a sertin ekstent, wí wud not foló æm tu sue an ekstrím az tu katalog ól traifiñ erurz ov impreçun, or tu mék mór aan tú kulurz ov æ wun frañk Frenc Ripublik stamp, nor kondem aóz húz fansi difurz from ourz; a dístur çud advokét gud stamps ov orijinal impreçunz and lív veriçunz tu æ tést ov æ kolektur.





NOTICES OF THE PRESS.

We regret that our limited columns will not allow us to give a more extended notice of the criticisms of our contemporaries. The publisher of Mason's Coin and Stamp collector's magazine of Philadelphia, takes us to task for calling the silver piece described in No. 2, as a pattern half dollar of colonial money, instead of the U. S. We acknowledge our error, which was a very natural one, as those of the different states prior to the regular series of U. S. coins are frequently termed Colonials. We suppose it was probably coined by the state of Vermont. A friend suggests that the figures represent 500 mills of federal money. We notice the last No. of the Boys & Girls Magazine has an illustration taken from another coin almost identical.

The first named journal also expresses astonishment that we should find printers to set up our splintered English, and would probably be more surprised to learn that in the office where it is done, new beginners take their first lessons in Kosmic, because it is easier to spell than the ordinary method.

We must apologize however, for a few mistakes in our last No. owing mainly to the introduction of a new hand. One was the proceeds of the Fewsmith sale, which should have read about \$4700; another, our price for the dollar of 1836, which should have been \$8. We have been obliged to return several orders for it. On the first inside line the letter p in praised accidentally dropped out, and was introduced into paturns.

The Stamp Collector's Magazine of Bath, England, gives us a very handsome notice, but doubts whether we shall be able to compete with the formidable rivals already in the field.

The Weekly Journal of Philately also favors its readers with a translation from our columns, which is quite correct, with the exception of the French é as in gé, which they have mistaken for the sound of e in he, and thus been led into a grammatical blunder.

The Stamp Collector's Record, published occasionally by S. Allan Taylor, of Boston, gives us a few sarcastic lines, which we consider rather an honor than otherwise.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

We have had a great many enquiries which we will answer in a few words.

For catalogues of coin or stamp sales apply to the auctioneers, or to the dealers whose names are printed on the catalogue. Unless known as a buyer the applicant will stand but little chance of receiving them regularly. We have no stamp or coin catalogues of our own, separate from our monthly price list.

Before we commenced the publication of this journal it was our custom to send stamps on ap-

proval to reliable parties, but owing to increase of correspondence, we have hardly time to fill out cash orders; as we sometimes run out of particular kinds, especially after the list is out of date, it is well to send an additional order from which to make up the amount.

We are glad to receive in exchange any good curiosities, the value of which may be left to us to determine, or if preferred will make an offer for them, but we do not wish to be troubled with piles of rubbish. One gentleman sent us from the south 18 cents of the dates 1817 and 1818 all very poor, at a cost of 45c. Of course all we could do was to send him 18c. and offer to return them on receipt of postage; another from Canada sent us 100 3 kr. Bavaria, arms, which were not worth returning.

We have received many good collections from the country for which we have made offers which were generally accepted. Valuable collections may be sent by express, and in case we can not agree on the price, will bear any reasonable expense of returning them; small collections, or those of torn or greasy stamps, or of worn out coins we do not wish. It is always best to write a descriptive letter of enquiry first.

We do not appoint any agents, but shall offer a lot of dealers packets as soon as we have time to make them up.

PAPER CURRENCY.

There are a good many collections of these curiosities, especially of the shipplasters both northern and southern, issued during the war, when change was scarce, and a collection of them is quite interesting. We have a pretty good variety of them, which we will either sell or exchange, and shall be glad to purchase any which are salable.

We give a list of Confederate bills on hand, and shall publish lists of other shipplasters from time to time. Any one who can give us a description of all, or nearly all the varieties will confer a great favor.

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| C. S. A. Bond for \$100. with coupons          | \$2 00 |
| \$ 1000. Non taxable certificate, 1865         | 1 00   |
| \$ 1000 8 per cent. loan, March 1863 8 coupons | 50     |
| \$ 1000. engraved by National Bank Note Co.    |        |
| 500. " " " "                                   |        |
| 1000. " Keatinge & Ball                        |        |
| 500. " " 1864                                  | 2 00   |
| 100. centre piece, female head                 | 1 00   |
| 100. " laborers                                | 1 00   |
| 100. " train of cars                           | 50     |
| 100. " load of cotton                          | 2 00   |
| 50. " head of Davis                            | 30     |
| 20. " capitol                                  | 20     |
| 20. " large figure 20                          | 1 00   |
| 20. " ship                                     | 1 00   |
| 10. " capitol                                  | 50     |
| 10. " artillery                                | 05     |
| 5. " state house                               | 05     |
| 2. " large figure 2                            | 05     |
| 2. " female warriors                           | 50     |
| 1. " steamer                                   | 25     |
| 1. " head of Fitz Hugh Lee '64                 | 15     |

We understand that another auction sale of Postage stamps from Messrs. J. W. Scott & Co., will be held at Messrs. Leavitt Streibigh & Co's. December 19th. 1870.



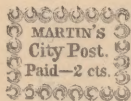
# PRICE LIST OF FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS.

15

All stamps sold by us are warranted genuine. Where more than one stamp is described on the same line, the price is so much for each. All letters of enquiry, or orders under 25c., must contain stamps for reply. Money sent by P. O. Order, or Registered letter only, is at our risk. For those marked with a (\*), we will pay  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; and allow in trade  $\frac{1}{4}$  our list prices for good specimens.

|  | new.   | used. |   | new. | used. |
|--|--------|-------|---|------|-------|
| Alsace & Lorraine 1 centime green            | \$ .03 |       | *South African Republic 1 penny red                 | .08  |       |
| " 2 brown                                    | .05    |       | * " 3 pence lilac                                   | .20  |       |
| " 4 grey                                     | .08    |       | * " 6 " blue  | .40  |       |
| " 10 brown                                   | .10    |       | * " 1 shilling green                                | .75  |       |
| " 20 blue                                    | .15    | .25   | *St. Christopher 1 penny red                        | .05  | .05   |
| Azores 5 reis black                          | .03    |       | " 6 pence green                                     |      | .15   |
| " 10 yellow                                  | .06    |       | tS. Domingo 1837 1 real blue                        | .30  | .20   |
| " 25 red                                     | .12    |       | Straits Settlements 3 half cents blue               | .08  |       |
| *Argentine Confed. 1867 5c. red              |        | .06   | " 2-3 cents   | .12  |       |
| Barbados $\frac{1}{2}$ penny green           | .03    | .01   | Switzerland Env. 5 rappen brown                     | .04  |       |
| *Bayaria 1850 set of 6                       | .75    |       | " 10 rose   | .03  | .03   |
| *Belgium 1869 " 9                            | .90    |       | Turkey 1870 Env. 1 piastre yellow                   | .15  |       |
| *Ceylon $\frac{1}{2}$ penny lilac            | .03    | .05   | *Uruguay 1833 1 cent black                          | .04  |       |
| *Chili 1837 1 cent orange                    | .03    |       | " 5c. blue  | .15  | .12   |
| *Egypt 1867 5 paras yellow                   | .03    |       | Victoria 1870 2 pence violet                        |      | .02   |
| *France Presidency 25c.                      |        | .03   | * " Env. 2 " pink                                   | .12  |       |
| *Great Britain 1870 3 half pence red         | .05    |       | Trinidad 1 penny red                                | .05  | .02   |
| * " $\frac{1}{2}$ post card, wrapper & stamp | .02    |       |   |      |       |
| Grenada 6 pence red                          | .40    | .08   | REPRINTS.   |      |       |
| Hamburg 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ schilling violet     |        | .02   | Bergedorf set of 5                                  | .25  |       |
| *Hanover 1 g. gr. green, 2 varieties         |        | .03   | Brunswick 1865 " 5                                  | .10  |       |
| " Envelope 1 gr. rose                        | .06    | .03   | Lubeck 1859 " 5                                     | .25  |       |
| Holland 1867 set of 6                        |        | .15   | " 1863 " 7  | .30  |       |
| " 1869 1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2c.                | .03    |       | " " Env. " 6  | .30  |       |
| *India, Envelopes set of 3                   | .30    |       | Saxony 1863 " 6                                     | .05  |       |
| Luxemburg 1-2 centimes                       | .02    |       | Hussey's S. M. Post 5 c. red                        | .03  |       |
| Madeira 5 reis black                         | .03    |       | " 10 green  | .05  |       |
| " 10 " yellow                                | .06    |       | " 15 gold   | .08  |       |
| " 20 " straw                                 | .10    |       | " 20 black  | .10  |       |
| *Malta $\frac{1}{2}$ penny buff              | .03    |       | " 25 blue   | .12  |       |
| Mecklenburg 1 sch. red, 4 small ones         | .04    |       | Union Square 1 cent green                           | .02  |       |
| *Mexico 1863 C-100c, brown                   |        | .03   | " 2 " red   | .02  |       |
| * " 25 pink                                  |        | .03   | Pomeroy's 20 for \$1. red                           | .10  |       |
| * " 12-50                                    |        | .05   | ? " black   | .05  |       |
| New Brunswick 5c. green                      |        | .01   | ? " blue & brown                                    | .05  |       |
| * " 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ blue                    |        | .08   | Boyd's 1 cent blue, 2 red                           | .03  |       |
| *Newfoundland 1c. violet                     | .03    |       | " Envelope 2 red                                    | .03  |       |
| * " 2 green                                  | .05    |       | ? Price's large size 2 cents green                  | .05  |       |
| * " 5 black                                  | .15    |       | " small size 2 cents green                          | .50  |       |
| *New Granada 1865 1c. rose                   | .03    |       | Mc. Intire's 2 cents red                            | .03  |       |
| * " 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lilac                    | .12    |       | ? Brooklyn 1 cent blue, 2 red                       | .03  |       |
| New South Wales 1851 6d. 1 sh.               |        | .02   | ? Swarts, Rough and ready red                       | .03  |       |
| *N. caragua 2 cents blue                     | .06    |       | " Chatham square, red                               |      | .25   |
| North German Official set of 9               | .75    |       | Hussey's 5 varieties                                | .02  |       |
| Norway 1859-66 3 skilling                    | .06    |       | Broadway post office, black                         | .30  |       |
| Oldenburg 1-30 thaler blue                   |        | .05   | Hale & Co. Boston 20 for \$1, blue                  |      | .25   |
| Orange States 1 penny brown                  | .06    |       | " 13 Court st.                                      | .20  |       |
| " set of 3                                   | .90    |       | Blood's penny post, gilt, small                     | .25  | .15   |
| Parma 1852 5c. white paper                   |        | .40   | Dupuy & Schenck, penny post                         |      | .30   |
| Portugal 1862 5-10 reis                      | .04    |       | Penny post paid, blue                               | .50  |       |
| Prussia Env. head 1-2-3                      |        | .04   | U. S. mail 1 cent prepaid, yellow                   | .10  |       |
| *Prince Edward I. set of 7                   | 1.00   |       | U. S. P. O. despatch, eagle 1 c. blue               | .05  |       |
| Roumania 1862 set of 3                       | .60    |       | Wells Fargo & Co. Paid Ex. black                    | .10  |       |
| " 1865 " 3                                   | .30    |       | Springside postage 1 cent red                       | .12  |       |
| " 1869 15 bani                               | .15    |       | Bronson & Forbes, City Ex. P. g'n                   | .12  |       |
| Spain 1852 6 reales blue                     |        | .25   | Martin's City post 2c. lilac                        | .80  |       |
| " 1851 10 " green                            | .75    | .03   | Snow's despatch blue                                | .80  |       |
| " 1899 200 mils green                        |        |       |   |      |       |
| " 1870 1-2-4 mils                            | .02    |       | Those marked with a (?) may be reprints.            |      |       |
| *Sarawk 3 cents yellow                       | .10    |       | We have just obtained a fine collection num-        |      |       |
| *Serbia 1866 1 para green on rose            | .03    |       | bering 1700 varieties, of the illustrated envelopes |      |       |
| " 1866 1-2 paras                             | .03    |       | got up during the war, containing pictures of the   |      |       |
|  |        |       | battle fields, maps, comic designs and interesting  |      |       |
|  |        |       | mottoes, which we will sell entire for \$25.        |      |       |





#### THE U. S. LOCAL STAMPS.

Of these stamps, which number nearly a thousand varieties, the history and description is very incomplete. Owing to the numerous imitations, the real stamps have been much neglected and it is with the hope to somewhat elucidate this vexed problem that we commence a series of articles on the subject. We have obtained several varieties every year which have not been heard of before; until recently the European market has swallowed up nearly all the rarities, but lately they are as much prized at home.

In a collection we purchased last month which contained about one hundred unused originals, were the four stamps which we illustrate in this No. and have never seen before:

Springside postage, large rect. 1c. black on pink.  
Bronson & Forbes, city express post, " green.  
Martins city post, small oblong, " lilac.  
Snows despatch, " " blue.

There were others in the collection seldom met with, as sets of original Winans, Metropolitan, Prices, Cheever & Towle, Carriers, Priests, Penny post paid, also a scarce oblong Wells Fargo & Co. paid express, elaborately engraved: To be dropped in New York post office, which we would have illustrated but for the cost, \$12; which is more than the value of the stamp.

The southern provisionals have been pretty well brought out by the enterprising publisher of the American Journal of Philately, and their estimated value increased from \$1. or \$2. each, to from \$5. to \$10., while those of the northern states, which present a much larger field, have been comparatively neglected, excepting the St. Louis stamps, which show that their value does not always depend upon the supply, for when they were scarce from \$2. to \$3. was considered a good price for them, but upon obtaining about 140 of them they advanced to from \$5. to \$10; and the altered 20c. we understand is held at \$75.

We hope that our friends will assist us by any information which we call for, and we shall endeavor to enhance the value of many stamps which are now but little valued.

An auction sale of Coins is advertised to be held at the rooms of Jos. Leonard & Co. 50 Bromfield st. Boston, Dec. 8th. at 10 A.M. which is quite rich in the Colonial and other American coins.

We have made arrangements for a splendid collection of Autograph letters and Miss, a good share of which we will probably have ready in time for our next No.

#### LIST OF COINS FOR DECEMBER.

##### SILVER.

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Marriage medal, German, curious 2½ oz.      | \$6 30    |
| Baptismal medal, " very fine                | 4 30      |
| " " head of Christ, fine 1¼ oz.             | 3 20      |
| Nuremberg temple medal, 1½ oz.              | 3 00      |
| Greek medal, square, curious                | 2 00      |
| Maximilian dollar, fine                     | 1 50      |
| " ¼ " "                                     | 2 00      |
| " Dime, half dime & cent, each              | 2 30      |
| Annapolis three pence, fine                 | 15 00     |
| Turkish Crimean medal                       | 1855 2 30 |
| Barcelona 5 pesetas fine                    | 1308 2 30 |
| Brunswick 24 marien groschen                | 1690 1 50 |
| Frederick six thaler                        | 1786 1 25 |
| Peru medal ½ dol. size                      | 1836 1 25 |
| Gregory XVI, medal                          | 1334 1 00 |
| Christian III Sweden, 1 mark                | 1617 1 00 |
| Felix and Eliza, Italian 5 francs           | 1805 1 50 |
| Frankfurt thaler, 3 eagles, 1348 uncirc.    | 1 50      |
| Eight medals, quarter size, each            | 75        |
| Japanese coins oblong large size            | 1 00      |
| East Indian rupees, different, each         | 90        |
| Roman Denarii, a large variety, of both the |           |
| Imperial & Family coins, from 25c. to       | 1 00      |
| James, Charles, Anne & Elizabeth shillings  | 1 00      |
| Greek coins 5 and 10c. size. from 1 00 to   | 1 50      |

##### COPPER & BRASS.

|   |      |
|---|------|
| Large medal of Angeli & Maria Politiana     | 3 00 |
| Carolus Gustavus, old medal                 | 1 00 |
| Wm. duke of Cumberland "                    | 1 00 |
| Ptolemy, double eagle 2½ oz.                | 1 50 |
| " eagle, Egyptian ½ oz.                     | 1 50 |
| Syracuse, dolphins, ¼ oz.                   | 1 50 |
| Greek copper coins small size 25c. to       | 50   |
| Roman " 2d. & 3d. brass 10c. to             | 50   |
| Head of Christ, rev. i.s., x.s. &c. 25c. to | 1 00 |
| Liberia 2 cent piece uncirculated           | 75   |
| Sierra Leone cent, fine                     | 50   |

We have 50 sets of Haiti, head of President  
Geffard, 5-10 & 20c. 1863, all fine, per set 15

The coin trade for the last three months has been unusually dull, for what reason it is difficult to say, in our opinion the present is a very favorable time to purchase; good pieces, however, are not as plentiful as they have been, collectors preferring to hold what they have got.

The stamp trade has been remarkably good, not so much however in ordinary stamps, as in the rarer varieties, essays, locals, revenue stamps of all styles and countries, newly issued stamps &c.

Autographs have sold pretty well, and we think an auction sale of a good collection, would realize advanced prices.

Curiosities as a general rule, have been rather quiet, owing probably in some measure to the disturbed state of European affairs.

#### THE CURIOSITY CABINET.

Published monthly by Wm. P. Brown, No. 28 John St. Post Office address, Box 4614 N. Y. City.

Terms 35 cents a year, only in advance, postage paid. All subscriptions for the year will commence with the first No.

5 or more copies to one address, 20. per copy.

Any one purchasing \$1. worth from our list at one time will receive a copy gratis for one year.

Money sent by P. O. Order, or Registered letter only, is at our risk.